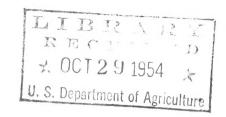


THE CARDINAL-11" SC

FINEST DOMESTIC

AND FOREIGN

VARIETIES



### YOUR 1955 WHOLESALE DAHLIA CATALOG



ROSELYN STRAIGHT-10" SC

#### To Our Customers:

To insure your satisfaction and that of your customers we take pride in selecting only choice tubers for your order. Each tuber is individually inspected just prior to shipping and is carefully packed to insure satisfactory delivery.

#### **GUARANTEE**

We guarantee our dahlia tubers to be true to name and of highest quality. If stock is not completely satisfactory when received, return same at once and your money will be promptly refunded. We want you to be completely satisfied and if for some reason you do have a complaint please advise us within 10 days of receipt of shipment.

#### OUR FARM

We are located 20 miles southeast of Portland on Mt. Hood highway, U.S. 26. Visitors are always welcome to inspect our plantings and handling facilities. Blooming time from mid-August to late October.

#### **STORAGE**

Our dahlia clumps are washed clean and separated at digging time. Ventilated storage is held a near constant 50 degrees F. Fungicides are used to control damaging molds.

#### **CULTURE**

Culture varies with locality but a few things are constant in all areas. Plant dahlia tubers about 5 inches deep and horizontal in area of near full sunlight. Water heavily at planting time and thereafter as needed for optimum growth. Pinching the top terminal shoot from dahlia plant after four sets of leaves have developed will cause branching and development of more and better quality blooms without staking.

#### WHEN ORDER ARRIVES

If freezing weather prevails along the shipping route it is a good idea to check your shipment at once for frost damage. If damage is evident contact your carrier agency at once and advise us of their decision. Present your invoice and carrier bill of lading to them for any claims. We ship by insured carriers and any claim for damage en route must be submitted to them. Store your dahlias in a cool dry place that has good ventilation. It is important to keep the tubers stored in their shipping medium or similar material to eliminate shriveling. When displaying the tubers for sale, display only a moderate number and keep the main supply covered. Do not display dahlias in sunlight or near a heating plant.

#### DISPLAYING THE TUBERS

Where possible we are sending along color pictures to stimulate sales and these should be displayed with the tubers. Eyes will be evident on all tubers but often times the layman will not recognize the dormant eye. Use slightly damp peatmoss on the tubers displayed to stimulate sprout growth. A green sprout is worth a million words and adds much sales appeal. If sprouts break off or become too long and must be cut off, a new one will develop in the same terminal. Moist, growing tubers will sell four to one over the dry dormant stock. Do not display the tubers near a heat unit or in the sunlight.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE

Prices are all F.O.B. Gresham, Oregon. New accounts please send cash with order. Net thirty days. No charge for packing materials or shipping containers. We ship via Express or Auto Freight unless otherwise instructed. We ship in lightweight wirebound or cardboard containers. If delivery by parcel post is desired please include sufficient postage with your remittance. Excess postage will be refunded.

COMPTON'S DAHLIA FARM

# Large Decorative Dahlias

FD—FORMAL DECORATIVE—Double flowers, full to the center, usually with flat petals, often rounded at the tips, and regular in arrangement.

ID—INFORMAL DECORATIVE—Double flowers, full to the center, usually with long twisted petals, and often irregular in arrangement.

The large decorative type dahlias are the most popular and are available in most every color and blend but blue and a true black. Sizes under this heading range from six to 14 inches in diameter.

VARIETY	E 3.	in lots of
Aglow (ID) 10" warm amber heavily suffused scarlet to the center of each petal. Rugged grower with very long stems.	.25	.21
Alice May $(\mathrm{ID})$ 10" pure white giant on long canelike stems. Bush is very massive and strong	.25	.21
Arthur Godfrey (FD) 11" blooms of orient red with orange and buff shadings. A heavy prize-winner being on all three honor rolls and certified at two trial grounds	.40	NET
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	.25	.21
Avalon (FD) 8" canary yellow that has been on the market for many years but is still very popular. Bush is very vigorous and an unusual rich dark green	.20	.16
Bellegos Glory (FD) 8" blooms of rich mahogany with a heavy tip of gold on each petal. An older variety that is still among the most popular grown. Bush is very rugged and has nice long stem	.25	.21
Caroline Kernochan (ID) 8" dazzling color combination of cream and lemon yellow with a heavy blush of deep rose to the edges. A very sound variety that has been a favorite with all who have seen it grow	.30	.25
Cherokee Brave (ID) 12" giant oxblood red that hold its color well in the sun. Naturally a large grower	.30	.25
Gardon Beauty (ID) 10" clear cinnamon on long and stems. A very showy fall color that is a stand- out in the garden. Not recommended for cutting	.25	.21
Claire Fleetwood (ID) 10" clear orchid on medium bush. Bush is very prolific and massive with the huge blooms held well out of the foliage	.22	.18



CROYDON MASTERPIECE-FD

**NOTICE:** Ten Tubers of a variety at the 25 rate, 50 at the 100 rate. Write for larger quantity prices.

No less than 5 of a variety.

ALL STOCK SHIPPED ON AN APPROVAL-WHEN-RECEIVED BASIS WITH AN UNCONDITIONAL GUARANTEE OF QUALITY AND BEING TRUE TO NAME

VARIETY	Ea. 25	in lots of
Blue River (FD) 10" medium lavender with an overall silver sheen and with a silver reverse. Another old variety that is still very popular	.22	.18
Clara Carder (ID) 12" giant cyclamen pink that is almost a charter member of the dahlia world. Bush is quite large and low and rarely do the stems exceed 18 inches but its size and color keep it perpetually a demand item	.22	.18
Clariam Kelton (ID) 10" flame red with yellow and with streaked yellow and red reverse. Very stately grower with long strong stems. Keeps nicely when cut	.25	.21
Commadore (ID) 12" giant sulphur yellow on medium to low bush. A fine addition for garden color	.22	.18
Commando (FD) 10" giant Tyrian purple or deep lavender on a very sturdy bush. Bush is exceptionally vigorous and the blooms are well supported on fine stems.	.22	.18
<b>Croydon Chief</b> (ID) 10" blooms of deep rose lavender. Blooms are very full and deep almost forming a	.22	.18
Croydon Masterpiece (ID) 12" plus size of this beauty is a dahlia show all in itself. Color is officially majolica orange lightly suffused jasper red. Effect is a deep sunset blend of gold and burnt orange that is really a sensation. After three years we like this dahlia's every habit. Huge majestic bush growth	.50	NET
Croydon Monster (ID) 10" cinnamon gold on medium buth This is not a cutter but a terrific splash of color in the garden. Blooms very freely	.25	.21
Darcy Sainsbury (FD) 10" pure white that has with- stood the years and is still the favorite giant white of many amateurs and professionals alike. Wonder- ful habit with fine perfection blooms on strong stems	.25	.21
Deep Velvet (FD) 10" deepest oxblood red with a very distinct velvet sheen overall. Bush is very massive and a picture of vitality. Blooms often appear black		.30
El Rubio (ID) 10" shaggy giant of rich ruby red with a light overlay of purple. Naturally large this dahlia draws much attention wherever shown. Not recom- mended for cutting		.21
<b>Exquisite</b> (ID) 10" pure waxy white with just a blush of orchid to the center. Blooms are very full and deep. Bush is about 3 feet and exceptionally robust	.25	.21
Five Star General (FD) 10" blend of soft amaranth pink that is edged and shaded canary yellow. Win- ner of Derrill Hart award and certified at three trial grounds. Limited	.35	.30
Gallant Fox (FD) 8" dark claret red on medium to low bush. Not a cutflower but a terrific splash of color as it is a very heavy bloomer and the blooms are borne well out of the foliage. A row in full bloom is almost solid red	.16	.14
Hills Supreme (ID) 8" clear rose pink. Nice long stems and a very good keeper on water. Exceptionally tough foliage that seems disease and insect resistant	.22	.18
Joan Ferenze (ID) 10" seedling of Jane Cowl. Color is canary yellow lightly suffused rose red. Very healthy bush with long sturdy stems	.22	.18
<b>Kelvin</b> (ID) 12" blend of pink and old rose. This dahlia is naturally a giant and a real sensation in the garden or show. Leaves are like platters	.35	NET
King David (FD) 10" deep full blooms of rich petunia purple that does not easily fade. Early to bloom	.30	.25

LARGE DECORATIVE DAHLIAS, Cont.	Ea. in lots of
Lois Walcher (FD) 6-8" bicolor of rich pansy purple with petal heavily tipped white. Very showy and seldom reverts to solid colors, a common fault with bicolors.	
Man o'War (FD) 8" blooms of dark blood red. Bush is rather tall and the bloom are well supported on canelike stems.	.30 .25
Marshall's Pink (FD) 6-8" soft mallow pink cutflower. Color is very delicate and pastel and much sought atter for fine basket decorations. Very good habits	.22 .18
Mayor Otis (ID) 12" giant copper and bronze that has held the spotlight among large dahlias for many years. Busn is massive and well suits the giant blooms	.22 .18
Miss Shattuck (FD) 8-10" blooms of purest white on long strong stems. A recent Holland import that has a very nice future as this dahlia faces from good stem and keeps well when cut. Limited	.35 .30
Mme. LeBoutillier (ID) 12" massive giant red that is another charter member to the dahlia world. A low grower with poor stems this dahlia still holds much popularity for its terrific size and color	.18 .14
Monarch of the East (ID) 12" giant old gold. Blooms face skyward from long stems. Still among the very popular of the giants. Our stock is limited	.25 .21
Mother Koenig (ID) 10" shrimp pink blending to lemon yellow deep in the center. Bush is magnificent with the huge blooms well supported on 5 foot stems. Outstanding	.30 .25
Mrs. James Albin (FD) 6" clear lemon yellow that is a real splash in the garden. Blooms very heavily from 3 foot bush	.22 .18
Mrs. Wm. Knudsen (FD) 6" white that is a choice of many florists. Blooms are held erect on cane-like stems and are very good keepers on water	.22 .18
York Market (FD) 6" pure white with orchid that the centers. This dahlia has been sold by the million to the florists. Fine stems and a prolific bloomer	.22 .18
Premie (FD) 8-10" blooms of light lavender with each petal edged and tipped white. Very striking and different. Bush very robust	
Drives of Dans's (ED) 10% bright soculat growing out	



MAYOROTIS-ID

VARIETY	Ea. 25	in lots of
Red Knight (FD) 8" blooms of intense brick red. Bush is very prolific and blooms are supported on excellent stems	.30	.25
Royal Pennant (ID) 8" rich royal purple on long cane-like stems. The color is rich and this makes a nice cutter but must be cut when fully mature	.22	.18
Salem Sunshine (ID) 12" blooms of light primrose yellow. Early, profuse and a vigorous grower. Bush is medium height with blooms held facing the side and up. A very choice dahlia for the garden or show table	.25	.21
Santa Clause (ID) 8" clear bicolor of rich orange and white Petals curl and twist and are held facing skyward on very nice stems	.22	.18
Sellwood Glory (FD) 8" wine to purple with speckles and splotches of white suffusing to a white tip. Re- verse of petals has a definite silver sheen. Really different from anything we have ever seen	.35	NET
September (ID) 8" tangerine orange with soft scarlet suffusions. Very nice stems and a fine decorator for fall scenes	.25	.21
Silver Glamour (ID) 12" striking orchid purple giant with each petal edged silver. Full centered blooms on very rugged bush	.35	NET
Sonja (FD) 6" fuchsia and wine that is outstanding in all ways. A very early bloomer and a fine cut-flower that does not readily fade in the sun	.25	.21
Sydney (ID) 10" blooms of delicate rose pink with just a tint of gold at the base of the petals. Bush is exceptionally rugged and the blooms are supported on cane-like stems. This is a very choice and popular variety	22	.18
The Universe (ID) 10" oxblood red with a definite rose cast. Foliage is very dark and blooms are shaggy and full. Bush is about 3 feet. Not a cutter		.18
Victory (FD) 6" blooms of clear salmon pink. Very compact blooms on extremely fine stems for cutting. Blooms are all held facing and keep well when cut	.25	.21
Wacc (FD) 12" blooms of light lemon yellow blending with spinel pink. Very massive bush and bloom. Bush is on the tall side with stems often 5 feet long	.35	.30
Windlassie (ID) 10" pure white of exceptional merit for garden show and cutting alike. Blooms are very full and regular and are well supported on cane-		
like stems	.35	.30

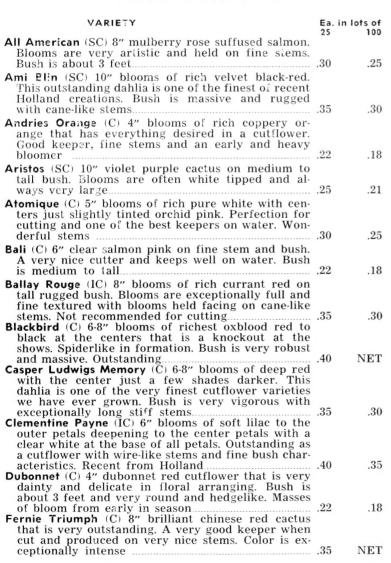


CAROLINE KERNOCHAN—ID

### Cactus Dahlias



YELLOW SPECIAL—SC





AMIBLIN-SC

VARIETY	Ea. 25	in lots of 100
Figaro (SC) 10" golden yellow penciled scarlet. Exceptionally showy this dahlia always draws praise. Medium bush with the huge colorful blooms held well out of the foliage	.25	.21
Golden Jup:ter (IC) This lacy dahlia is almost a two- tone with the center half of the bloom a bright gold and the outer petals a soft apricot. Bush is medium to tall	.30	.25
Golden Rectitude (C) 7" blooms of elegant light Span- ish orange that is produced on very long strong stems. Bush is very stately and strong. Excellent keeper on water		NET
Hestia (C) 4" florists' jewel that has all the qualities of a perfect dahlia for floral work. Bloom is very full and deep on wirelike stems. Color is soft peach with a deeper center. Bush is massive and in heavy		NET
Hylas (C) 6" blooms of soft coral rose. Another deep petaled florists favorite. Stems are ideal and bush is exceptionally vigorous growing to about 4 feet.	.22	.18
Early bloomer		.25
Lady's Fancy (C) 4" blooms of delicate lemon yellow and cream with outer petals mottled light pink. Fine for cutting. A medium to low grower with	.25	.21
many blooms from early season <b>Lombaert's Violet</b> (C) 4" pure deep violet cutflower. Bush is about 3 feet with masses of bloom from early season. Stems are very nice for cutting. Bush	.22	.18
should be kept cut	.25	.21
liant coloring. Stems are very good for cutting and blooms keep well on water	.22	.18
everyone. Has very good stems and stands up well when cut  Mother Aarston (C) 5" spider cactus in rich chamois	.25	.21
bronze. This dahlia is one of the first to bloom and stays a solid hedge of color until frost. Would be ideal for border	.30	.25
Nagels Orange (C) 6" pure rich orange. A massive bush with a load of bloom from early in the season. Stems are ideal for cutting	.25	.21

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#### CACTUS DAHLIAS, Continued

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VARIETY		in lots of
Nicky K. (C) 5" brilliant scarlet cactus of finest cactus form. Full, deep blooms are ideal for cutting and keeps well also	.25	.21
Pink Cactus (SC) 8" blooms of soft flesh pink that is very delicate for such a large dahlia. Bush tends to grow very massive and tall and should be pruned.		.25
Pin Up (C) 4" florists' gem. Color is delicate deep magenta that is so intense that it appears to glow under artificial light. Bush is open and produces the blooms on fine stems. One of the elite of the cut-		
Reisenwunder (C) 10" two-tone cactus that is a real eye-catcher. Outer half of rolled petals is a bright rose pink suffusing to a white at base. Very rugged	.40	.35
Roselyn Straight (SC) 10" blooms with general coloring of deep apricot yellow shaded and streaked scar-	.35	.30
let. Outstanding	.25	.21
very heavy foliage. Very fine stems	.35	.30
to soft tangerine at the center. Early and profuse Satan (SC) 10" giant red that is still among the show-pieces. Exceptionally rugged grower that produces	.22	.18
the huge blooms easily.  Skyrocket (SC) 10" blooms of richest vermilion red.  One of the most intense colors we have seen in a dahlia. A planting or a single bush stands out in		.21
Smoky (IC) This is Holland Smoky and not to be confused with England Smoky. Color is ochre yellow at base of petals heavily suffused magenta rose. Result is a very smoky color effect. Extremely vigor-	.30	.25
ous and a heavy bloomer. Outstanding		NET
The Cardinal (SC) 11" blooms of dazzling currant red that won the Derrill Hart Award and has been on all three honor rolls. Bush alone is a showpiece of vigor with the stately blooms held well out of the foliage.	.25	.21
A truly outstanding dahlia.  Tip (C) 4" lemon yellow cutflower that has long been a must with the florists. Very strong and resistant grower with choice stems. Keeps exceptionally well	.35	.30
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ing is very delicate and pastel	.60	.50

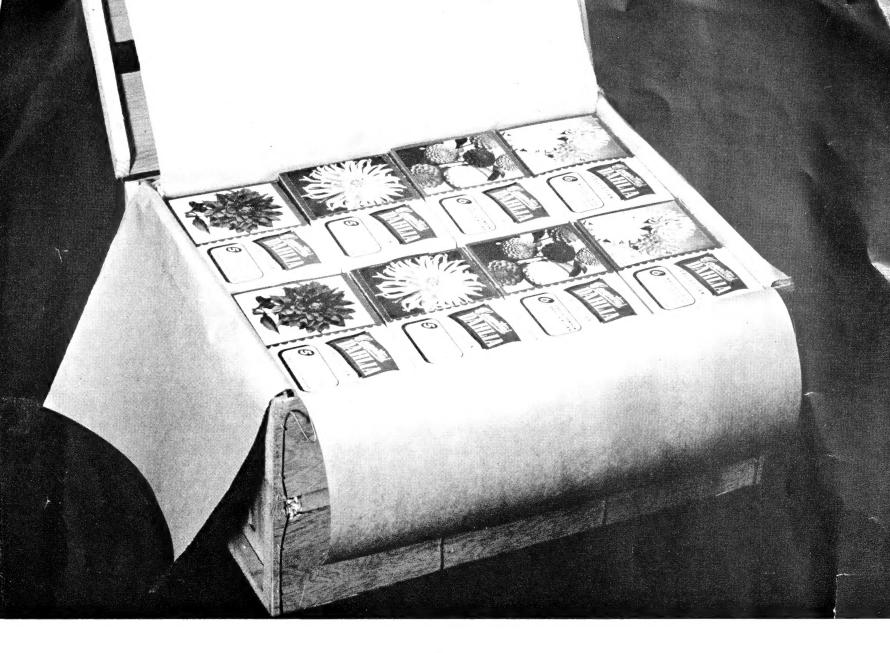


CASPER LUDWIGS MEMORY—C

### Miniature, Ball, Waterlily, Bedding and Collarette



MINIATURE DAHLIAS		
VARIETY		in lots of
Baby Fonteneau (FD) 3" rose pink cutflower that is one of the very first dahlias to bloom and is a mass of color until frost. Stems are ideal and keeps well on water	25	.18
<b>Bonnie Blue</b> (Ball) 4" deep lilac ball dahlia that is extremely rich and showy. Stem and bush are very nice for cutting and the color does not fade. Recent from Holland		.18
<b>Eonnie Esperance</b> (Single Bedding) Bush grows not over 18" tall and is a mass of little pink blooms all season. Ideal for a solid border or low hedge. Limited	.20	.16
Gerrie Hoeck (Waterlily) 4" rich clear pink to the center becoming very pastel to the outer edges. One of the most popular of all dahlias for cutting. Ideal stems	.22	.18
Goldfazen (Ball) 3" striking bi-color combination of rich rust with heavy gold spatter becoming solid to the center. Long wiry stems and a good keeper when cut	.22	.18
<ul><li>Ike (FD) 3" deep ruby red on long wire-like stems. A very prolific dahlia on a very massive bush. Very nice for the florist</li></ul>	.22	.18
Simple with a large pure white collarette. Bush is a mass of delicate blooms on very choice stems. Very choice	.25	.21
Little Wisteria (FD) 4" very full and compact blooms of white with an overall flush of orchid. Medium to low bush that is very prolific. Very nice for cutting	20	.16
Orange Glow (Ball) 4" pure bright orange ball that is a very bright splash of color in the garden. Very nice for cutting.		.18
Schweitzer's Baby (Single Bedding) A very compact little bush that rarely gets over 16" tall and is a mass of bright little orange red blooms from early in the season until frost		.16
Target (ID) 3" orange informal that is very nice for cutting. Bush rarely gets over 30" tall and is a mass of bloom all season.		.16
White Fawn (FD) 4" pure white little dahlia that is one of the most prolific we have ever seen. Bush is about 3 feet and very full and massive with literally hundreds of blooms all season. Very good stems and		
nice to cut		.14
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### Pompon Dahlias

Most suitable for cutting preceded by asterisk (\*).

\*Admiral Dot Delicate pastel orchid with a deep orchid dot in the center. Fine for cutting.

Amber Queen Color is amber to deep gold. Heavy producer.

- \*Arthur Kerley Deep ruby red that is very choice.
- \*Betty Ann Clear pink pom that is small and very dainty.
- Catherine Large pom of bright primrose yellow.
- \*Doria Dark smoky maroon. Bush open and prolific.
- Gertrude Low growing blood red. Bush is very compact.
- \*Golden Pheasant Large golden pompon with deeper center.
- \*Hazel De!! Rich lavender cerise with deeper center.
- \*Helen Anita Delicate little lavender pom with white center.
- \*Honey Rich honey yellow with a suffusion of red. Tall bush.
- \*Joe Fefte A very nice pure white pom on excellent bush.
- Lemon Gem Lemon yellow pom on very massive bush. Early.
- \*Libby Rohr A very prolific reddish purple. Long stems.
- \*Mary Munns Clear deep lavender that is very prolific. Good stems.
- \*Mimosa Mimosa yellow (deep). Ideal stem and bush.
- \*Minnie Mells Purple and white with purple center. Very prolific.
- Morning Mist White with tint of lavender. Very nice bush.
- \*Prince Charming Very pastel pink. Choice bush and stems. center. Excellent for cutting.
- \*Red Warrior Rich crimson pom that is very choice. Ideal stems.
- Rosa Wilmot Large pastel pink pom. Low grower.
- Taakas Purple Medium purple on ideal bush.
- \*Taakas Yellow Bright yellow pom that is an ideal cutter.
- Tip Top Rich raspberry red on medium to low bush.
- \*Peggy Wood A bicolor pom or rich orange and white. Fine stems.

#### ALL POMPONS ARE PRICED THE SAME

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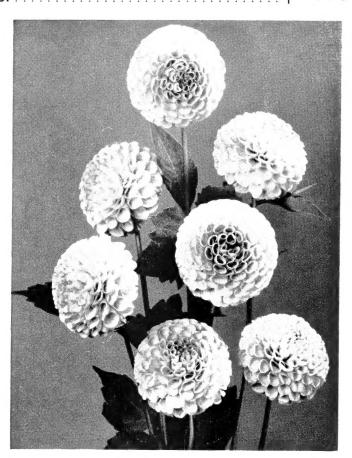
For many the pompons are the favorites and a must for the florist. Pompons are naturally heavy bloomers and ideal for mass color effects. Usually the first of all dahlias to bloom they produce heavily until frost kills them down in the fall.

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